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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Shawn Musgrave
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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2015-01116

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This responds to your FOIA request dated April 6, 2014, concerning copies of all introduction letters sent to law enforcement agencies from all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) field offices regarding unmanned aerial systems.

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Office conducted a thorough search and located 467 records, containing 1,930 pages. After reviewing the information, we have determined to partially release these documents to you. In some of the records we have withheld information such as names and telephone numbers of law enforcement officials and/or third parties. This information has been redacted and is being withheld from disclosure under Exemption 6 and Exemption 7(C) of the FOIA.

Exemption 6 of the FOIA protects information that pertains to an individual "the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6). When applying Exemption 6, the FAA weighs the privacy interest of an individual against any public interest in the records.

Exemption 7(C) provides protection for law enforcement information the disclosure of which "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."⁽¹⁾ This exemption is the law enforcement counterpart to Exemption 6, which is the FOIA's fundamental privacy exemption.

Based on your "new media" fee category, no fees were assessed with your request.

The undersigned is responsible for this partial denial. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-140), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue., SW, Washington, DC 20591 or through electronic mail at: FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov. Your request for reconsideration must be

made in writing within 45 days from the date that the initial determination was made, and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your appeal must also state that it is an "appeal" from the above-described denial of a request made under the FOIA and include your assigned FOIA control number. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. E. Crozier", written over the printed name.

William E. Crozier
Deputy Executive Director

attachments